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THOMAS AND WILLIAM BRANCH OF HENRICO AND SOME OF THEIR DESCENDANTS

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(Continued from Volume XXV, page 70) *

A communication from Doctor Thomas Hart Raines, of 105 Jones Street, Savannah, Georgia, makes the following valuable additions to the Branch-Mitchell descent. On page 66, volume XXV, of the QUARTERLY, the statement is made that "Tabitha Branch (daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Archer Branch) married ——— Mitchell." Doctor Raines writes as follows:

Henry Mitchell, of Sussex County, Virginia, married Tabitha Branch prior to 1727. Her death is recorded in the Register of Albemarle Parish (Surry, later Sussex County) as occurring 14 January, 1752. Henry Mitchell then married his second wife, Sarah ———, who survived him. He died 27 March, 1754; his will dated 2 March, 1754, was proved 8 April, 1754, in Surry County.

Henry Mitchell and his first wife, Tabitha Branch, had issue:

i. Henry Mitchell, of Albemarle Parish, Sussex Co., estate administered 1771. He married Priscilla ———.

ii. Nathaniel Mitchell, of Albemarle Parish, Sussex Co., estate administered 16 May, 1771. He married Elizabeth ———.

iii. Thomas Mitchell, of Albemarle Parish, Sussex Co., will dated 20 October, 1761, proved 18 March, 1762. He married Amy, daughter of John Goodwynne, of Sussex Co., by his wife Winifred, daughter of ——— Tucker. Thomas and Amy (Goodwynne) Mitchell had issue: (a) John Mitchell; (b) General Henry Mitchell, of Hancock Co., Georgia, married Frances Hobbs; (c) Thomas Mitchell, of Thomas Co., Georgia, married Ann, daughter of Captain Nathaniel Raines, of Prince George Co., Virginia; (d) Tabitha Mitchell; (e) Winifred Mitchell.

7. John[3] Branch (*William,*[2] *Christopher*[1]), of Henrico County, Virginia. The date of John[2] Branch's will is stated to

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* Owing to an unavoidable delay in getting certain data, which are necessary to completing the lines descending through Matthew[3] and James[3] Branch (sons of Thomas[2] Branch), who are numbers 5 and 6 of this pedigree, it is thought best to carry out the lines descending through John[3] Branch (son of William[2] Branch) and complete what may be said of his descendants in this number of the QUARTERLY, leaving the *male lines* for the January, 1917, issue of the QUARTERLY.

have been January 17, 1687 [1687/8],† though a careful search in the remaining records of Henrico has failed to reveal either the original, or a recorded copy, of this document. "Upon the peticon of Martha ye relict of Exec^x of John Branch decd. order for Probate of ye last will & testament of ye decedt is granted unto her the same being this day proved in Court ꝑ ye oaths of ye three witnesses subscribed." Henrico Court, April 16, 1888. (Henrico Records, Vol. 1678-93, p. 266.)

John[3] Branch married Martha (whose surname is unknown) (See Note 1.) Mrs. Martha Branch married, *second,* Thomas Osborne, of Henrico County; *third* (October, 1692), Thomas Edwards.

John[3] Branch and Martha, his wife, had issue:

i. Obedience[4] Branch, born ———; died 1746; married *first,* 1696, John Cocke, of Henrico County; *second,* Alexander Trent, of Henrico; *third,* Thomas Turpin, of Henrico.

ii. Priscilla[4] Branch born ———; died post 1750; married, *first,* 1699, Edward Skerme, of Henrico; *second,* 1701, Joseph Wilkinson, of Henrico.

Obedience[4] Branch (*John,*[3] *William,*[2] *Christopher*[1]) born ———; died 1746; married *first* (November, 1696), John Cocke, of Henrico;* *second,* Alexander Trent, of Henrico;† *third,* Thomas Turpin, of Henrico.‡

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† Henrico Records, Vol. 1714-18, p. 75. This statement is made in a deed from Thomas Turpin and Obedience, his wife, (a daughter of John Branch) to James Branch, dated April 2, 1716.

* Henrico Records, Vol. 1688-97, p. 710. See also a deed, dated December 1, 1696, from Jane Gower, of Henrico County, to John Cocke, Junior, (son of Richard Cocke, Senior) of the parish and county of Henrico, who had married Obedience, eldest daughter of John Branch, late of Kings [Kingsland?] in Henrico County, son of the said Jane Gower. Henrico Records, Vol. 1688-97, p. 670.

† The proof that Obedience Branch married Alexander Trent, is derived from the fact the Mrs. Obedience (Branch) Cocke-Trent-Turpin in her will recorded in Goochland County June 17, 1746, mentions her son Alexander Trent. This fact taken in connection with the will of Alexander Trent, probated in Henrico 1703 (quoted above) furnishes the evidence of this marriage.

‡ The proof that Obedience (Branch) Cocke-Trent, married (*third*) Thomas Turpin is derived from several deeds recorded in Henrico Court, notably one in Vol. 1714-18, p. 75, and one in Vol. 1725-37, Part II, p. 655; See also QUARTERLY, XXV, p. 69.

October 2, 1699, Obedience Cocke relict of John Cocke late of this [Henrico] County, decd. granted administration on her deceased husband's estate. Mr. Richard Cocke, Senior, surety (Henrico Records, Vol. 1694-1701, p. 237).

August 2, 1703, was probated the will of Alexander Trent of Henrico. The will devised to son Alexander Trent, all my lands, but if he should die before of age my wife to *are* [heir] and enjoy all my lands forever; son Alexander Trent, personalty, and all the legacies to be delivered to him when he is 21 years of age; all other goods, chattles, etc., bequeathed to wife Obedience Trent, towards bringing up my son; said Obedience Trent named as executrix (Henrico Records, Vol. 1697-1704, p. 342).

May 4, 1724, Obedience Turpin (with Thomas Randolph and Henry Randolph, sureties) gave bond in the sum of £500 sterling as *executrix of the will* of Thomas Turpin, deceased, of Henrico County. (This bond is preserved among the original papers in Henrico Court. The will seems to have entirely disappeared.)

The will of Mrs. Obedience[4] (Branch) Cocke-Trent-Turpin, dated January 6, 1745/6, was probated in Goochland County, June 17, 1746.

The will of Obedience X Turpin, of Goochland County, dated January 6, 1745/6, probated June 17, 1746, son John Cocke 1 negro boy and 1 farthing; daughter Martha Friend, 5 shillings; grandson William Moseley, negro boy Pompey to be delivered next Christmas; grandson Benjamin Moseley, at age of 18 years, 1 negro Frank; grandson Alexander Trent, 1 negro boy Dilcey; son Alexander Trent, 5 shillings, daughter Obedience Branch, 5 shillings; granddaughter Mary Goode, 1 negro Matt; daughter Obedience Turpin, 3 negros, Amy, Lucy, Harry, feather bed, etc.; son Thomas Turpin, 3 negros Pompey, Simion, and Hannah; daughter Mary Goode, 5 shillings; residue of estate to son Thomas Turpin and he executor.

Obedience[4] Branch and her *first* husband, John Cocke, had issue:

i. John[5] Cocke, of Henrico and Albemarle Counties who died in 1759.*

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* John Cocke of Henrico County, planter, will dated June 12, 1753, probated in Albemarle Co. August 9, 1759 (Will Book 2, p. 52), to brother Thomas Turpin, 400 acres in Cumberland County on branches of Muddy Creek, where my plantation now is and nine negros towit: Charles, Toby, Will, Farthing, Nan, Patt, Sarah, little Pat and Little Salley; nephew William Moseley, 560 acres in Albemarle Co. on branches of Willis Creek, being land and plantation I now live on and occupy; also 8 negros,

ii. Obedience[5] Cocke married Benjamin Branch. (See Note 2.)

iii. Martha[5] Cocke married *first,* Arthur Moseley, Junior, of Henrico County; *second,* Edward Friend of Henrico County. (See Note 3.)

Obedience[4] (Branch) Cocke and her *second* husband, Alexander Trent, had issue:

iv. Alexander[5] Trent, who lived in Cumberland County, Virginia. The will of Alexander Trent of Southam Parish, Cumberland County, dated December 9, 1750, probated July 22, 1751, mentions sons Peterfield Trent and Alexander Trent; daughter Elizabeth Trent, wife Frances Trent. (Cumberland County records.)

Obedience[4] (Branch) Cocke-Trent, and her *third* husband, Thomas Turpin, had issue:

V. Thomas[5] Turpin (born May 9, 1708, died June 20, 1790), of Goochland, later Cumberland and, still later, Powhatan County; magistrate in Goochland 1735 and sheriff of that county 1741-43; magistrate in Cumberland 1749 and lieutenant-colonel of Cumberland militia August 31, 1754; will dated March 11, 1789, recorded September 16, 1790, in Powhatan County. He married Mary Jefferson, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Field) Jefferson, and a descendant of Christopher[1] Branch, the first of his name in Virginia.

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viz.: Ben, York, Rubin, Cesar, Bridgett and young Bridgett, Beck and Iris. Stocks of horses, cattle, hogs on Willis Creek plantation to said William Moseley, also 2 feather beds and furniture, my desk, chest and chest of drawers. Brother Thomas Turpin, all stock, cattle, etc., on plantation at Muddy Creek. Niece Mary Goode, negro Sukey. Sister Mary Goode and her husband Robert Goode, seven negroes, viz.: Pompey, Tom, Harry, Moll, Betty, Fanny, Marca and if said sister die before her husband then said slaves to their children, viz.: Robert, Francis and Mary, on equal division at death of their father. Niece Obedience Bass, £50 currency. Nieces Prudence Branch, Mary Branch and Elizabeth Trent, £50 currency each. Thomas Turpin, Robert Goode and William Moseley, respectively each of them to pay 1/3 of the £200 bequeathed to my four nieces, out of and in consideration of legacies given to them. Residue of estate to be equally divided between my brother Thomas Turpin and Robert Goode and they are appointed executors. Witness: Theodorick Carter, John Hales, Joseph Carter.

November 7, 1760, Robert Goode of Chesterfield County conveys 2 negros to Richard Clark, infant and reputed son of John Cocke of Albemarle County and if said Clark dies then said negros to my sons Thomas and Samuel Goode (Chesterfield County, Deed Book 5, p. 18).

Thomas[5] and Mary (Jefferson) Turpin, had issue ;(a) Martha[6], d. young; (b) Thomas[6], d. young; (c) Obedience,[6] married August 24, 1754, John Harris, of "Norwood," then in Cumberland, now in Powhatan County, (d) Thomas,[6] married Martha Ward Gaines, (e) Mary[6] married March 9, 1761, Richard James, (f) William,[6] married June 23, 1773, Sarah Harris, (g) Philip,[6] d. young; (h) Lucy,[6] d. young; (i) Philip,[6] married Caroline Rose; (j) Peterfield,[6] who never married; (k) Horatio,[6] married March 30, 1803, Mary Bancroft.

VI. Mary[5] Turpin, married Robert Goode (son of Robert Goode and his wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth [Archer] Branch*) and had issue: (a) Mary,[6] married Seth Ward; (b) Robert,[6] married Sally Bland; (c) Obedience,[6] (d) Bettie,[6] (e) Francis,[6] married Alice Harris; (f) Thomas,[6] married Eliza Prosser; (g) Samuel,[6] married Mary Burwell.†

vii. Obedience[5] Turpin, of whom nothing further is known.
viii. William[5] Turpin, d. young.

Priscilla[4] Branch (*John,*[3] *William,*[2] *Christopher*[1]) born ——, died post 1750; married, *first,* 1699, Edward Skerme, of Henrico County; *second,* 1701, Joseph Wilkinson, of Henrico County. Edward and Priscilla[4] (Branch) Skerme had no children. (See Note 4.)

Joseph and Priscilla[4] (Branch) Skerme-Wilkinson had issue:

i. Joseph[5] Wilkinson, Junior (See Note 5) of Henrico County, who died in 1733. He married Mary ———, and had issue:

(a) Priscilla[6] Wilkinson, who married *first,* Henry Embry, Junior, of Lunenburg and Brunswick County; *second,* William Hill. (See Note 6.)

(b) [probably] Mary[6] Wilkinson; since Joseph[5] Wilkinson, Junior, of Henrico, in his will dated October 21, 1733, provides for the possibility of an unborn child, and Joseph Wilkinson, of Chesterfield, in his will dated October 19, 1750, names a granddaughter *Mary Wilkinson.*

ii. Edward[5] Wilkinson, of Henrico and Chesterfield Counties,‡

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* See QUARTERLY, XXV, page 66.

† I am indebted to Mr. James Branch Cabell for the names of the children of Thomas[6] and Mary (Jefferson) Turpin, and of Robert and Mary[6] (Turpin) Goode.

‡ Edward Wilkinson, of Dale Parish, Chesterfield County, will dated March 29, 1771, to grandson Edward Wilkinson, land in Amelia County also ½ stock of horses, cattle, hogs, sheep and all plantation utensils;

married a daughter of Lewellin Epes of Charles City County,† and had issue:

(a) Angelica[6] Wilkinson married Peterfield Trent. (Marriage Contract, March 2, 1770, Chesterfield Co., Deed Book 6, p. 360.)

(b) ————[6] Wilkinson (a son) who was father of (i) Edward[7] Wilkinson; (ii) Joseph[7] Wilkinson.

iii. Martha[5] Wilkinson married ———— Howlett.

NOTE 1

Branchiana, pp. 32 and 138, states that John Branch married Martha, daughter of Thomas Jones, of Bermuda Hundred, Henrico County, and that the said Martha married *second,* Thomas Osborne, of Henrico whose will dated February 27, 1730, was probated June, 1733. This is an error. Thomas Osborne (will probated June, 1733) married Martha Jones, daughter of Thomas Jones, of Bermuda Hundred, and married her prior to February 19, 1688/9, for Mrs. Martha Osborne (daughter of said Thomas Jones and his wife Mary [who married, *second,* Edward Skerme, Senior], is mentioned as *"sister Martha Osborne"* in the will of Repps Jones, of Henrico, dated February 19, 1688/9, probated August 1, 1689 (Henrico Records) and is again mentioned as *"daughter Martha Osborne"* in the will of her mother, Mrs. Mary Skerme, of Henrico, dated November 16, 1707, probated October 5, 1710 (Henrico Records). By this evidence we see that Martha, daughter of Thomas Jones was the wife of Thomas Osborne during the whole period covered by the dates February 19, 1688/9 and November 16, 1707, and therefore the Martha, who married, *first,* John Branch; *second,* Thomas Osborne, *third* (in 1693) Thomas Edwards, *could not possibly have been Martha, daughter of Thomas Jones, of Bermuda Hundred.*

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daughter Angelica Trent, use of plantation I now live on, the mill, and old plantation whereon my father lived and all my lands adjoining until my grandson Joseph Wilkinson is 20 years of age; grandson Joseph Wilkinson, plantation I live on, my mill, my old plantation whereon my father lived and lands adjoining, seven negros and ½ stock of cattle, horses, hogs, sheep, in Amelia Co. also ½ household and kitchen furniture, stock, etc., and plantation utensils in Chesterfield Co., my still to be delivered him at age of 21 years and in case of his death before that time then estate to his brother, my grandson, Edward Wilkinson. Residue of estate to my daughter Angelica Trent, during life, then to her children, but should she die leaving no child at her death, estate to be equally divided between my grandsons Edward and Josph Wilkinson. Executors: Peterfield Trent, Joseph Bass, Benjamin Branch and Thomas Howlett. (Chesterfield County, Will Book 2, p. 359.)

† See QUARTERLY, XXIV, p. 143.

Martha (widow of John Branch, who died in 1688) did certainly marry, as a second husband, Thomas Osborne, of Henrico County, and *this Thomas* was no other than Thomas Osborne, Senior, whose will dated October 20, 1691, probated June 1, 1692 (Henrico Records) was the *father* of Thomas Osborne [Junior] who married Martha Jones, daughter of Thomas Jones, of Bermuda Hundred. This Thomas Osborne [Junior] was certainly of age in 1691 when his father made his will, therefore he was certainly born as early as 1670, and as Thomas Osborne, Senior, did not marry Martha, widow of John Branch, until sometime between April, 1688 (date of administration on John Branch's estate) and October, 1691 (date of Thomas Osborne, Senior's will mentioning wife Martha) therefore Thomas Osborne [Junior] was *not* the son of his father by his marriage to Martha, widow of John Branch, but by a *former* wife, whose name is as yet unknown.

This whole matter is further confirmed by the following entry in the orders of Henrico Court under date of August, 1693: "Mr. Tho Edwards who married the relict of Mr. Thomas Osborne, Senr, who married the Rellict of Mr. John Branch, decd., doe appear at next court to be held and enter security for saving this court harmless." (Henrico Records, Vol. 1677-1739, p. 34.)

NOTE 2

It is a very difficult matter to "place" Martha^{5} and Obedience^{5} the daughters of Mrs. Obedience^{4} (Branch) Cocke-Trent-Turpin, and mentioned in her will as *"Martha Friend"* and *"Obedience Branch."* The only thing very certain about their paternity is that they were *not* daughters of Obedience^{4} Branch, by her *second* husband, Alexander Trent. I have looked carefully among the remaining records of Henrico Court for a distribution of the estate of John Cocke (on whose estate his wife Obedience qualified as administratrix in October, 1699) and for appointment of guardians for his children, but have been unable to find any records thereof. I have also looked carefully for the will of Thomas Turpin (who died in 1724), the *third* (and last husband of Obedience^{4} Branch) but have not found any copy thereof. The reason for "placing" *Obedience*^{5} as a child of Obedience^{4} Branch by her first husband, John Cocke, is that Mrs. Obedience^{4} (Branch) Cocke-Trent-Turpin, in her will (see ante) dated January 6, 1745/6, makes bequest to daughter *Obedience Branch* and also a bequest to daughter *Obedience Turpin.* The inference is that Obedience^{5} Branch was *not* a Turpin, and I think that it may be safely said that she was not a Trent; therefore I have "placed" her as the child of Obedience^{4} Branch and her first husband, John Cocke. No one should consider this as final, however, for a chart of the Turpin family, prepared many years ago (a copy of which is in the possession of Mrs. Elizabeth Ward Doremus, of New York City) gives *this* Obedience^{5} (who married Branch) as a child of Obedience^{4} Branch and her *third*

husband, Thomas Turpin, though the chart gives no authority for the statement. There are instances given in the records of *two children* of the *same person* having been given the same baptismal name: though it must be admitted that close scrutiny of such cases develops the fact that the two children bearing the *same baptismal* name were, in at least ninety per cent. of the cases, children by different marriages (either the paternity or maternity was different). This of course would tend to strengthen the circumstantial evidence that the Obedience in question, was *Obedience Cocke*. These are merely suggestions thrown out to any one who may be desirous of working out this problem to a positive conclusion.

Benjamin Branch, of Chesterfield County, will dated December 31, 1760, probated 1762; son Thomas Branch; son Benjamin Branch; son Edward Branch; daughter Obedience Bass; daughter Prudence Thweatt; daughter Mary Branch. By comparing the wills of Mrs. Obedience[4] (Branch) Cocke-Trent-Turpin (given ante), of John Cocke, of Albemarle (given ante) and that of Benjamin Branch (dated December 31, 1760) this connection will be readily seen. Benjamin Branch may have been married twice—in fact, Mr. Cabell in *Branchiana,* p. 42-3, states that Benjamin Branch married Mary Osborne; *she* may have been a *first* wife—but, there can be no doubt that *this* Benjamin Branch certainly married Obedience (Cocke *or* Turpin?) and that several of the children mentioned in his will were by the said Obedience.

NOTE 3

In regard to "placing" Martha,[5] daughter of Mrs. Obedience[4] (Branch) Cocke-Trent-Turpin, as a child of Obedience[4] Branch by her *first* husband, John Cocke, I wish to say that the only evidence so far discovered is purely circumstantial. The chart of the Turpin family (referred to in Note 2 above) states that *this* Martha[5] was the daughter of Martha[4] Branch and her *first* husband, John Cocke. It is an established fact that *this* Martha[5] married *first,* Arthur Moseley, Jr. of Henrico, and *second,* Edward Friend, of Henrico. Mrs. Martha (————) Moseley-Friend is given above as a child of John and Obedience[4] (Branch) Cocke simply because from all the circumstances it seems most improbable that she was a child by either the *second* (Trent) or *third* (Turpin) marriages. Should any one who is interested in this matter be able either to prove or disprove this assumption from the circumstances the editors of the QUARTERLY would welcome any facts which may be communicated.

The proof that Martha[5] (the daughter of Mrs. Obedience[4] [Branch] Cocke-Trent-Turpin) married *first* Arthur Moseley, Jr., and *second* Edward Friend comes in this way: Mrs. Obedience Turpin in her will dated January 6, 1745/6 mentions (among others) her daughter Martha Friend and grandsons William Moseley and Benjamin Moseley. (See Mrs. Turpin's will ante.) A petition made to Henrico Court, February 7, 1742, shows that Edward Friend married Martha, the execu-

trix of Arthur Moseley, deceased (Henrico Records, Vol. 1737-46, p. 206) and Arthur Moseley's will, dated July, 1735 (Henrico Records, Vol. 1725-37) appoints *wife* Martha, an executor.

NOTE 4

On July 6, 1699, license granted for marriage of Edward Skerme with Priscilla Branch (Henrico Records). Edward Skerme, of Henrico Co., will dated March 21, 1699 [1700], probated August 1, 1700, mother Mrs. Mary Skerme, ½ tract of land I now live on, ½ my orchard and ½ my 40 foot tobacco house and all my corn house which is 20 feet long and 15 feet wide; wife Priscilla Skerme, other ½ land, housing, orchard and movables and she is named executor.

9 Dec., 1699, a receipt from Edward Skerme, of Varina Par., Henrico Co., and Priscilla, his wife, daughter of John Branch, late of said parish and county, to Thomas Edwards who was executor [sic] and guardian of his daughter, in right of Martha, our mother, wife of said Edwards. (Henrico Records, Vol. 1697-1704, p. 102.)

On February 7, 1700 [1701] license granted Joseph Wilkinson for marriage with Priscilla Skerme, widow. (Henrico Records, Vol. 1697-1704, p. 243.)

The will of Joseph Wilkinson, of Dale Parish, Chesterfield County, dated October 19, 1750, bequeathed to wife Priscilla Wilkinson, use of 3 negros during life also ½ stock cattle, sheep and hogs belonging to plantation I now live on also a Bay Stallion and my great black mare; also ½ of household goods and to be furnished out of my estate given hereafter to my son with 500 weight good net pork and one beef every year during life, also use of my mulatto girl Cloe, and at her death said Cloe to my granddaughter Angelicia Wilkinson; to granddaughter Priscilla Embry, 240 acres in Amelia County to be laid off on Ward's line on Knibb's Creek so as not to take in any of my cleared ground on condition she shall take it in full satisfaction of all demands she has against my estate otherwise said land to my son Edward Wilkinson; granddaughter Mary Wilkinson, negro girl; daughter Martha Howlett, one negro; all lands possessed with, with all other estate to son Edward Wilkinson and he named *executor*. Witnesses, J. Bolling, James DeSear, Mary Reade. (Chesterfield Records, W. B., p. 467.)

NOTE 5

Joseph Wilkinson, Junior of Henrico Co., will dated October 21, 1732, probated September, 1733; debts and funeral charges to be paid; wife Mary Wilkinson, two negros and use and benefit of another negro during her widowhood and in case of remarrying then to my daughter Priscilla Wilkinson. To the child my wife goeth with, if she is with child, the first two children my negro woman Bess may bring, but in case my daughter

Priscilla and the child wife goes with die without issue, then said negros to my brother Edward Wilkinson. To my daughter Priscilla Wilkinson my negro Bess with remainder of her issue. Wife Mary, half of my movable estate and other half to my daughter Priscilla. My troopers arms to my brother Edward Wilkinson. My father Joseph Wilkinson, executor, and guardian of my daughter Priscilla, and my brother Edward Wilkinson, in case of death of my father in Priscilla's minority. Negro boy Chance to my daughter Priscilla when she comes of age of 21 years and in case of her death and that of the child my wife goeth with, to return to my brother Edward Wilkinson. Witnesses: Field Jefferson, John Osborne, John Green. (Henrico Records, Vol. 1725-37, p. 406.)

NOTE 6

Joseph Wilkinson, Junior, of Henrico, in his will dated Oct. 21, 1732, names *daughter Priscilla Wilkinson,* and Joseph Wilkinson, of Chesterfield County, in his will dated Oct. 19, 1750, bequeaths to *granddaughter* Priscilla Embry, land in Amelia County (see abstracts of these wills, ante.)

On December 24, 1753, Priscilla Embry, widow, of Brunswick Co., to Edward Wilkinson, of Chesterfield Co. (for £100 currency) conveys tract of 240 acres land in Raleigh Parish, Amelia Co. on south side Knibbs Creek . . . it being part of a tract given *said Priscilla Embry by her grandfather Joseph Wilkinson* in his last will and testament, and father to the said Edward Wilkinson (Amelia Records, Deed Book 5, p. 125).

Henry Embry, Junior, was a member of the House of Burgesses from Lunenburg County, 1748-1749. He died in 1753. He was a son of Henry Embry, Senior, of Brunswick County, colonel of militia and member of the House of Burgesses from Brunswick County 1736-1740. He died in 1763. Henry Embry, Junior, and Priscilla Wilkinson, his wife had issue: (1) Mary Embry married John Coleman. (2) Sarah Embry married *first,* Isaac Read; *second,* Thomas Scott. See *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography,* XVII, p. 100, and 272; also Baskerville's, *The Baskerville Family,* p. 117 et seq.

The *family name* of Priscilla, wife of Henry Embry, Junior, and later of William Hill, had not been discovered up to the summer of 1914, when, for an entirely different purpose, the compiler of this article was reading, page by page, through the will books of Chesterfield County, and discovered the item in the will of Joseph Wilkinson, recorded in that county. The deed of December 24, 1753, made by *Priscilla Embry, widow, of Brunswick County* (quoted above) and recorded in Amelia County, positively identifies the Priscilla, wife of Henry Embry, Junior.

(To be continued)